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The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

Agenda item 124: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 *(continued)*

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/60/L.43: Preparations for and organization of the 2006 follow-up meeting on the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session, implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS (continued)
(A/60/7/Add.30; A/60/L.43)

1. **Mr. Belov** (Chief of the Common Support Services Service of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts), introducing an oral statement of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/60/L.43, said that pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 3 of the draft resolution, a comprehensive review would be undertaken in two plenary meetings, one informal hearing, four panel discussions and five round tables, all of which would require interpretation services in six languages. Documentation requirements were estimated at 37 pages in the six official languages. No post-session documentation was foreseen. Verbatim records would be provided to plenary meetings in the six languages in accordance with the entitlement of the General Assembly to conference services.

2. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/60/L.43, the plenary meetings, round tables, panel discussions and interactive hearings as well as a high-level meeting would constitute an addition to the draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2006 which had been submitted for approval by the General Assembly. As the two plenary meetings, the informal interactive hearing, one panel discussion and one round table could be serviced from within the existing resources already allocated to meetings of the General Assembly, no additional resources would be required for those meetings.

3. Consequently, the net addition to the calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2006 would be the conference-servicing resources for three panel discussions and four round tables. It was estimated that their implementation would involve meeting and common support services for the total amount of $93,000, of which $77,700 would go to section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $15,300 to section 28D, Office of Central Support Services.

4. No provisions had been made under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 for servicing the activities envisaged in the draft resolution of the General Assembly. Therefore, should the draft resolution be adopted, estimated additional conference-servicing and other requirements of $93,000 would arise. The actual expenditures relating to that activity would be reported to the General Assembly in the context of the first performance report for the biennium 2006-2007.

5. **Mr. Maycock** (Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions), orally introducing the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/60/7/Add.30), said that in view of the amount involved, the estimate of $15,300 under section 28D should be absorbed. The Advisory Committee recommended that, under the circumstances, conference-servicing requirements should be considered in the context of the review of the consolidated statement provided for in the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211 regarding the use and operation of the contingency fund.

The meeting rose at 3.25 p.m.